

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2834**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidetoshi KUSUMI

Group Art Unit: 2834

Application No.: 10/523,921

Examiner: T. LAM

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For: GENERATOR-MOTOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the May 3, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-8, 11 and 12.

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,979,929 to Kometani et al. (Kometani) and rejects claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kometani in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,538,356 to Jones. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Kometani was filed in the United States on May 20, 2003. The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-313009 filed in Japan on October 28, 2002 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-061767 filed in Japan on March 7, 2003.

To perfect priority, English-language translations of these Japanese patent applications are submitted herewith. Because the present claims are fully supported by the priority documents and the filing dates of both of the priority documents preceed the filing date of Kometani, Kometani is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Jones is only relied upon as teaching the recited arrangement of the electrode plates.

Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 10, 13 and 14 are patentable over Kometani and/or Jones.

Withdrawal of the rejections in respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

English translations of Japanese Patent  
Applications Nos. 2002-313009 and 2003-061767

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